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Business, Management and Information Services

CTE Weekly Update—April 25, 2008

BUSINESS PATHWAY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Advisory Board met for their third meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the MSU-Great Falls College of Technology from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

YOUR GUIDE

Courtney Johnsrud, MSU-GF, informed the board that the Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) will no longer sponsor the publication of the 'Your Guide' pamphlet due to their financial cutbacks. Courtney said the 'Your Guide' would continue—but the cost would be picked up by the 2-year institutions, instead.

The board discussed the great value of the 'Guide' but wanted to find a better way to distribute it to CTE teachers in the field. The board recommended that the guides be sent to each districts Perkins coordinator for them to distribute to all CTE teachers in the high schools. It was also suggested that we distribute them at the October Montana ACTE meeting—possibly in the registration packet.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT—Montana Institute on Educational Technology (MIET)

Courtney passed out the brochure and discussed the upcoming week-long institute for Business & Marketing Teachers on June 16-20 at MSU-Great Falls COT. All business and marketing teachers will receive a brochure in the mail, if not already received. MBITE will pay \$30 toward registration for the first 25 MBITE members who register. Business & Marketing teachers are also given first priority registration in the technology workshops. In addition to the institute, on June 16 a free session will be given discussing and informing teachers on the current work the advisory board has done developing the Business Management & Information Systems career field and the two pathways currently being worked on. For the full schedule and course descriptions and/or to register, log on: <http://outreach.msugf.edu> and click on the MIET link.

REVIEW OF CURRENT PATHWAY MODEL

The current Tech Prep model was reviewed and discussed. After much discussion, Eric Swenson sketched out a new/updated model specifically for the Business Career Field that shows each of the five pathways and the potential careers for each. It was important to the board that it showed many exit and entrance points along the way. The draft model will be available soon. Contact Eric or Diana for more details.

TECH PREP—AN OPPORTUNITY NOT A REQUIREMENT

To alleviate some fears that have been expressed in the field, Diana was asked to communicate again that Tech Prep articulation courses currently in place will remain in place as we transition this year. If you have had articulated courses in the past, it is 'business as usual'. If your school does not currently have Tech Prep, Dual Credit, or Running Start, please remember it is a great opportunity and highly encouraged ... but it is NOT a requirement of Perkins IV. Diana reviewed that Perkins does require pathways to contain both secondary and post-secondary elements. The opportunity for secondary students to participate in dual credit or tech prep credit is a *permissive* element of Perkins, but not a requirement.

NEXT MEETING

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for early June, 2008. More details will follow.

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Environmental and Agricultural Systems

Work is continuing on the curriculum thanks to the efforts of MSU Agriculture Education and the USDA Challenge grant secured by Shields Valley High School. In addition, the pilot schools will be meeting with Nina Crutchfield of LPS in Columbus MT for the initial training on the National Quality Program Standards. Schools selected for the pilot were Park High School in Livingston, Sweet Grass County High School in Big Timber, Joliet High School, Park City High School and Plenty Coups High School in Pryor.

On May 12th there will be an orientation/training held for the teachers of these programs. They have also been asked to have an administrator and an advisor council member attend the training. Also invited to attend were Dr. Igo and Dr. Frick from MSU, Bill Jimmerson, State FFA Advisor, and Dr. King, OPI Ag Ed Specialists.

The teachers will be attending a national conference this summer in St. Louis, MO, and conducting training sessions next summer for the rest of the Ag Teachers in the state.

We're very excited to be one of five states in the country selected to pilot the National Quality Program Standards.

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Human Services and Resources

The Healthcare Pathways Advisory Council is finalizing arrangements for the Summer Workshop to be held June 23-July 3rd at Montana Tech in Butte. Individual mailings will go out this week to everyone who has expressed an interest in participating in developing programs of study, state standards, articulation agreements and reviewing curriculum for the health sciences career cluster.

The next Healthcare Pathways Advisory Council teleconference is May 1st at 3PM.

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We are currently recruiting Internal/External for the following:

TITLE: Family Consumer Science Education Specialist (re-advertised)
BAND: 6
STATUS: Permanent/Full Time
SALARY: \$36,618.00 - \$45,772.00 plus benefits CLOSING DATE: May 4, 2008
APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT REQUIRED: Yes

POSITION NO: 351-00628
DEPARTMENT: Educational Services
DIVISION: Career, Technical, and Adult Education
LOCATION: Office of Public Instruction – 1300 11th Avenue, Helena, MT
UNION: MPEA
START DATE: Negotiable

Please contact Dennie or Kristy in Personnel if you have any questions at opipersonnel@mt.gov.

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Industrial Technology

Three members of the Manufacturing/Construction Pathway Steering Committee met with SkillsUSA Advisors and also set-up an informational booth during the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference, which was held on the campus of MSU-Northern, in Havre earlier this month.

In addition, information was distributed at one of the meetings regarding two Professional Development opportunities that are linked to the pathways.

The first Professional Development Workshop, "2008 Manufacturing Technology Update" will be held on the MSU-Northern campus June 9th - June 13th, with classes running 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. This course will cover a variety of topics related to modern industrial design and fabrication methods that teachers can use in a classroom setting. Upon completion, participants will have a complete set of working drawings, CNC toolpaths, fixture drawings, as well as a completed project.

For more information, contact Joel Brodeure at email: brodeure@msun.edu.

The second Professional Development Workshop, "Construction and Welding" will be held on the campus of UM-Helena, June 16th - 19th. Training in the Construction area will include a certification session on teaching the NCCER curriculum. Topics will include but are not limited to: floor systems, walls/framing, window and door installation, building trusses and rafters, roofing and exterior finish.

Training in the Welding area will begin with a session on Big Sky Pathways, and the current efforts to collaborate pathways in the area of metal fabrication. In addition to core topics such as Shielded Metal Arc, Pulse M.I.G and T.I.G., instructors will address needs specific to participant's equipment and shop situations.

For more information, contact Kevin Brockbank at email: brockbankk@umh.umt.edu.

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Big Sky Summer Institute Trainings 2008

Business Management & Information Systems

June 16th – June 20th Great Falls COT

Environmental & Agricultural Systems

June 23rd – June 27th Kalispell

Health Sciences

June 23rd – July 3rd MT Tech – Butte

Industrial Manufacturing & Engineering Systems

June 9th – June 13th MSU – Northern Havre

June 16th – June 20th UM – Helena COT

Spring Technical Assistance with Perkins Applications: Thursday May 15th, 2008
Delivery System: Webinar. More information will be provided at a later date.